



REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER and distribution of sign in sheet at 10:04 AM.
- MINUTES of January 21, 2014 approved by consensus.
- SMOKING CESSATION STUDY: Dr. Maya Vijayaraghava (UCSD) provided an update on the NIH-funded study. Several client focus groups and agency interviews have been completed. More input is desired before development of the final recommendation for an intervention. Dr. Maya circulated a sheet for those interested to sign up, or email her at mvijayaraghavan@ucsd.edu.
- STEERING GROUP REPORT
 - Summary of CoC Application: A CoC funding application in excess of \$15.4 million was submitted including 52 projects: 48 renewals, 3 new PH and one planning grant. The final edition of the CoC Application ('Exhibit 1') and the Priority Listing are posted on the KeysToHousing.org website. Unlike prior years, Exhibit 1 will be used for two grant years. The priority project list includes a project that HUD merged from two listed separately previously and does not include a project that was voluntarily removed. The original Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) and Tier 1 amounts were changed to reflect changes in HUD instructions. There were changes in instructions until the last few days prior to the deadline. The work of all the applicants and Camey Christenson and Megan O'Dowd were crucial in making the application possible. This year HUD did not request the rate of movement out of TH to PH as a measure of success. New goals concerning use of rapid re-housing and prioritization of chronic persons in permanent supportive housing were included this year.
 - Supportive Services for Veteran Families Update: SSVF NOFA training and local Pre-Application training were conducted on Feb. 5th. The VA trainer commented the San Diego was the only CoC (as of that date) to be ready with the local process at the time of the VA training. There are three levels of funding: Priority 1 is three-year temporary assistance for RRH and Prevention; Priority 2 is for renewals, plus a COLA; Priority 3 is new applications for a maximum of one year. Priority 2 and 3 are renewable; Priority 1 is not. Pre-Application materials are available on the KeystoHousing website and were distributed electronically. The deadline for submitting a Pre-Application is noon on Feb 20th. A CoC Scoring Committee has been formed for the review. The RCCC authorized both the completion of the scoring process and issuance of letters of endorsement or support.
 - Report on Forum with Congressman Peters: The conversation with Congressman Peters was well attended by elected officials and RCCC members. The continuing work will have three major layers: a broad push from the congressional offices led by

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Congress through Peters staff; an effort targeted to San Diego and cities similarly impacted; and detailed suggestions from the CoC and our peers. An invitation to participate was offered to all. A draft of the key points that evidence a need for change has been drafted. According to HUD's own reports, the Western Region would get increased funds regardless of which of the four recommended 'fixes' were implemented. This is a time where homelessness is clearly on the political radar and there is good support. The CoC needs to be prepared to respond to the public comment period on HEARTH Interim rules when it opens this spring.

- Nominating Committee Update – Based on recommendations from the Governance Committee and approval of the Steering Group, and RCCC ratification, the agencies and representatives for the Nominating Committee have been selected. An orientation is planned for next week. Draft forms, job descriptions, and a packet of information have been compiled. The timeline is to call for nominations, review, and prepare a recommended slate by the end of March or early April.
- Re-engage HUD Priority Community Initiative – Now that the NOFA period has ended, we have reconnected with our Priority Community Initiative HUD TA providers (Abt Associates). The plan is to confirm the focus for this period of TA and to host a site visit in early April. We have made a lot of progress since their last visit, which we hope will be evident to them as well.
- Chronic Preference in Permanent Supportive Housing – Marc D'Hondt gathered feedback about the implementation of the new Chronic Homeless Priority policy from PSH providers in the City and Megan O'Dowd asked for feedback from those in the County. There was concern about the strategies for implementation and this portion was not submitted to HUD with the NOFA. Because the policy is to be effective in less than two weeks, Marc was asked to convene a region-wide PSH group to finalize the discussion about implementation prior to the launch date.

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○ SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- Governance and Administration – Lila Fetherolf – Governance has not met since the end of January and will be working to finish the update to the Governance Charter after their review of the recommendations from County Counsel. They will look to the Steering Committee for the role that they may be asked fill with respect to the Nominating Committee and Governance Board.
- Plan and Planning – Laura Mustari / Keith Burke – The Plan and Planning Collaborative Assessment and Coordinated Entry subgroup met for four hours on Feb. 13th and are meeting again Feb. 20th. The SC has approved the Assessment Tool which is being beta-tested by several agencies currently. The Committee is recommending adding seven items specific to assessment of youth to part two of the assessment. These items were generated through a study by Eric Rice, an expert in high-risk and homeless youth at USC.

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The next phase for development of the local system is a six-week pilot to begin on April 15th. Training is being planned in advance of the pilot. The Downtown Leadership Group (Coordinated Entry System) is also planning a pilot. The intent is to work cooperatively. (See the Downtown Leadership report below.)

During his weekly media update, Interim Mayor Gloria unveiled \$1.9 Million in funding recommendations. One item specific to the RCCC is approximately \$400,000 for CACE activities. The RCCC authorized a letter of thanks to be sent, jointly signed by the Lead Agents as they choose.

- HMIS–Data Governance, Holly Younghans: Data Governance Committee agenda includes review of various interim policies passed prior to the NOFA – notably the MOU between the RCCC and the RTFH as the HMIS Lead. A decision was made in January that the review of the MOU must be completed within 120 days of NOFA submittal (making the deadline June 3rd). Other policies passed prior to the NOFA were data quality, data security, and data privacy. A significant policy that needs to be completed is data sharing and cross-agency data contributions/ integration. DGC has established work group composed of technical advisors from SD Housing Commission, ETO user, CStar user, Qualcomm and RTFH.
- Sustainability Working Group, Karen Brailean: The Sustainability Working Group submitted a \$75,000 grant application to San Diego Social Venture Partners (SDSVP) to provide staffing for capacity-building. The application focused on examples of services to children and youth that could be enhanced by SDSVP funds in year-one to support the time of the Project Director in efforts to enhance the RCCC's programs, inclusive of youth programs, through increased monitoring of program outcomes, support for data collection, completeness and analysis for residential homeless individual, family, and youth programs within the Continuum. This is the first year that SDSVP has considered applications by collaborations. This fits the collective impact model of SDSVP. If awarded, another major component is having support from a variety of experts work with CoC leaders.

○ LIAISON REPORTS

- NAEHCY, Laura Mustari/ Karen Alexander – the NAECHY San Diego group ongoing work is focused on three primary service areas: dental, legal, and food assistance for homeless and at-risk children and youth. Also, the group is exploring your to get more outreach, better participation in the PITC, and looking at seven key questions. Meeting dates are posted on Keys.
- SD County Office of Education and the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Task Force has compiled a document on the legal rights of minors. The RCCC would like to make this resource available to the members. Also, with San Diego representative Toni Atkins in the role of the Chair of the Select Committee on Homelessness, the group hopes to build awareness and visibility during March regarding K-12 special needs for education. Members are encouraged to participate. Contact Karen Alexander for more information.

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- Alliance for Regional Solutions, Filipa Rios: Don Stump will be Chair for the ARS moving forward because Paul Savo has left Fellowship Center. ARS reviewed the North County Plan regarding homelessness and offered comments and suggestions. ARS continues to work toward year – round shelter and service options.
- Downtown Leadership – Update Goal 2, Gabe Kendall: The Goal 2 Committee (Collaborative Assessment) of the Downtown Leadership group and the RCCC Plan and Planning group are both working on assessment tools and strategies. A stage 1 “mini-screening” of a handful of questions that could be answered with outreach staff on the street, or over the phone with 2-1-1 has been recommended. The Downtown pilot is looking to launch by May 1st. Plan and Planning is looking at an April 15th rollout to include subregions.
- Keys to Housing: New postings are being added to the website; for example, a Parent’s Guide for Supporting their LGBT Children, information from NAEHCY and funding opportunities have been added. Go to KeysToHousing.org.
- SD HOPE: As of February 26th, Rich Penksa has joined the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) staff. The next SD Hope training (SOAR) is scheduled for Feb 26th. RSVP before close of business on Feb 19th from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at St. Vincent’s.
- CSH has completed about 18 Transitional Housing assessments and will be available to present to the RCCC in March.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OTHER BUSINESS / Adjourn
 - Matt Doherty, USICH has offered to provide training on Housing First. Watch for more information soon.
 - Second Chance Fields program is a special program designed to help high school athletes who are academically challenged to improve their grades, stay involved in sports, and stay in school. The program also teaches youth, coaches and community members to identify and repair safety hazards on the athletic fields. The program will begin at Mission Bay High School on Feb. 22nd.

Adjourned 11:18 AM